

Battling Thro' the Bad Years

The year "1884" through Mr. Moodie's editorials and newsy items is being revealed as a most interesting period in the history of the town and district.

With the coming of the railway just two years past, communication with the outside world has been speeded up in a big way - folks are taking long trips and finding they can get there and back in about the same time as it took to plod back and forth to Winnipeg.

Those who benefitted most were the farmers in quick and easy movement of grain and livestock. First grain buyer it seems was Mr. J. A. Best; year by year these would be increasing numbers. No elevators yet, just sack and sacks of grain piled on the open ground along the railway tracks near the station.

Also the outside world was becoming aware of the humble settlement that had grown in 13 years to be a "settled" community, rich in grain and livestock. Eastern Canadian, and U.S. manufacturers pricked up their ears and sent representatives out to form implement agencies, etc. This issue reveals how keen the competition suddenly became and farmers had a pretty wide choice even if the prices were high.

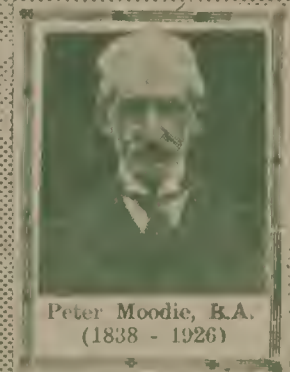
And this is the year the Dauphin Lake area was surveyed, a party from Gladstone being the first settlers there. Editor Moodie has it that Mrs. Edwards was the first white woman in the area, "pioneering" for the second time. And just 12 yrs. later Gladstone was the jumping off place for the railway that tapped this area and all the north-west thro' to Edmonton and beyond.

And it is history, too, in the making when, shortly after the municipality was formed an effort was put forth for the grand scheme of draining the marshes, the Big Grass, and the one near Westbourne. See where the work was to start in 1880, and 4 years later Editor Moodie is lambasting the govt. in general and C. P. Brown, member, in particular, to "get on with the job" that all that had been accomplished so far was a mere "bagatelle".

And the editor is quick to wield an angry pen when, just after a big effort to raise \$10,000 to catch up on school and other pressing debts, barely passed, a group of local "puffers" wanted to raise another \$10,000 or more to build elaborate court bldg.

Yes, Peter Moodie was on the job - so much so in fact that he rose to the occasion and put out one paper himself when his brother John was ill.

The Moodie Years — 1884 to 1890



Peter Moodie, B.A.
(1838 - 1926)

GLADSTONE

100 Years Ago

April

1884



A 3-Part View of Gladstone from the South-East — (One) The South Part of Morris Avenue, etc.

ANOTHER VIEW OF GLADSTONE! This time as it appeared in the middle 1880s. This picture is taken from a south-easterly direction, and gives a fair view of most of the buildings along the east side of Morris Ave; while others can be identified with some certainty by their roof-tops or partial exposures. It appears in Margaret Galloway's book, "I Lived in Paradise," with the following brief information: "The first log house at the left of picture is Donald and James Adamson's home; Opposite to the left, the McAskill home; Behind and to the right of Adamson's, the Presbyterian manse; White house about the centre is Mr. Dean's; Next their hardware store; The Post Office; Flat building is the Cameron Hotel; The back of John Mason's house; McQueen's store (with new addition); The Wilson Hotel."

THIS ISSUE OF "100 YEARS AGO" provides a date of late 1884 or early 1885. The April 19th paper states that Dean & Paynter were erecting an implement agency building to the south of their hardware store (both appear here); as also does the Cameron House, destroyed by fire in June 1885. So the photographer must have snapped the picture sometime in between; and by the looks of the leafless scrub it was probably late in the fall of 1884. So, it appears we have here a view of the old town as it was just "100 Years Ago."

SOME FURTHER INFORMATION might be added to the above without leading readers too far astray. It is interesting to see the "Adamson" house; this is where Mrs. Adamson lived for a couple of years, with her young sons (James, then 9, and Donald) following the sad death of her husband on the

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SATURDAY
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SAT., APRIL 5th, 1884:

Mr. Best, grainbuyer, went west as far as Carberry this wk.

Rev. Mr. Murdin is coming back to this neighborhood.

Mrs. Gilliard, of Wpg., has been visiting her brother, Mr. Jas. Doherty, this week.

Mr. Robt. Lumbers, of Toronto, has opened out a butcher shop in the old stand occupied by A. Rushton. Patronize him.

Mr. Herron, of the Revere House has supplied his hotel with a great convenience in the shape of a good well & pump. (*Wonder if this is the one that used to be on the street tight up to the town square (Morris & Dennis), sort of western style*)).

Mr. Halliday, joint lessee with Mr. Jones, of Hon. C. P. Brown's grist mill, was in town Wed., & went east next day.

Mr. James McCrae has rented Paul & Fahrni's livery stable. (*North of bridge, probably between the old cheese factory & the 'new' Queen's Hotel*)).

We hear that Mr. S. T. Wilson is appointed agent for the Cochran Manf. Co. He received a load of machinery yesterday.

Mr. Jas. Findlay commenced sowing again Wed. and means to keep right on till the finish. (*The structure, still known to many as 'Findlay's bridge' gives the location of the farm*)).

Mr. Anderson, who has been engaged for a considerable part of the winter in the registrar's office here, moved out to Mr. Howitt's farm Mon. last, which he has rented for this season, till he gets his own place in habitable shape.

The vanguard of the Lake Dauphin party, consisting of Messrs. Blackmore, McCrae and McKinnon, left yesterday in two teams. They will be re-inforced by Thos. Whitmore on the way. They are well prepared in the provisions line to stand a siege of a few months. May success attend the pioneer squad!

Mr. Logie's horse went over Gopher Creek bridge Wed. morning; fortunately without doing himself much damage. By some way the collar had tightened on his throat which caused him to throw himself against the railing of the bridge, which gave way and landed him in the creek,

About 3 feet of water over the ice broke his fall.

Coun. West, of Blake, started for Sarnia, Ont., on Tuesday's train on a visit to his daughter there. He has a son in Michigan whom he intends to see on his way. His expectation is to be back in time for voting on the by-law which takes place on the 15th inst; which speaks well for the rate at which even we western people can already go. Bon voyage!

SCHOOL TRUSTEESHIP: We had faint thought that among the superabundance of difficulties our town shares in common with the rest of the province, & which will take all the man in most of us to overcome, the times were not propitious for creating fresh ones for whose existence neither rhyme nor reason can be adduced. Our peculiarities seem to stick to us, however, and the one with which we would do ourselves the most good by effectually getting rid of altogether, seems to be taking a fresh hold; to wit, the everlasting wrangle and fuss that has prevailed here in one shape or another on the subject of education, almost since a school started.

The trouble now is a couple of rival boards of school trustees, whose only aim appears to be to block the action of the other. How this double-barrelled arrangement for spoiling necessary work, came into existence, was in the following way: When the town was divided into four wards, the law enjoined that the school board should consist of three trustees, elected out of each, or a dozen altogether, which number formed last year's board. When the town was made into one ward, the board asked the Superintendent of Education for advice as to their duty, since their was no legislation to cover their special case. He replied that the only thing that could be done was for the four trustees that were elected to serve for one year to drop out, since the statute had now declared that two trustees were to represent each ward, the remaining eight would form this year's board, in the event of no new clause being added to the School Act to suit the case. The board followed his advice, putting a ruling to that effect in the minutes.

At the annual School Meeting, however, a few thinking they knew better than the Superintendent, elected a brand new board of three, and the question has yet to be decided by the attorney-

General, who forms the school board.

It must be a fearfully knotty question, because it is more than two months since he was asked for an opinion, which has not come to hand yet. Meanwhile necessary business in connection with the school, that should be transacted, lies in abeyance. An attempt, indeed, was made by the Superintendent to settle the difficulty last week. Last Mon. evening was appointed for all the present trustees to give in their resignations, and he would appoint a day for a new election; but while the members of the old board were willing, the new bd. members were not.

Regard for the peace, interests of the school, and their own reputations, should be powerful enough to influence them to take this common sense step.

For we have no hesitation in saying that any three men, or eight, as the case may be, picked at random, could not give much worse a record of themselves in the school board, than the general run of school boards here have done hitherto.

Mr. Wm. Burr is going steep into the cattle business. He has bought four more head from Mr. D. Kintoul this week.

Messrs. Arnold Williams, Andrew McFadden, James Pirie & Robert Turnbull intend to start west to Silver City some time next week.

Mr. McCaskill removed the house he bought lately from Mr. J. McLean, down to his farm on Dead Lake last Tuesday.

LITERARY SOCIETY The closing meeting of the Literary Society for the season took place Tues. evening last, and was fairly well attended.

Mrs. Poole led off the programme with a piece of instrumental music played in a way that has made her such an acquisition to these meetings.

Rev. J. E. Allen then delivered his lecture on "Odd Fellows" for which at its close a most enthusiastic vote of thanks was tendered him, in truth a work of supererogation (*"to do more than is required by duty or obligation," had to look that one up in the dictionary*)). for the appreciation with which the lecture was received, seemed to be reward enough. The lecture was brimful of wise and witty things, & a most effective adjunct to it consisting in the imitatively droll and grotesque impersonations of the lecturer in illustration of his subject. When his well-known mastership of manner was added, a lecture so chuckful of good things, something had to go, and this was the feelings of the audience, which were kept up to the height of enjoyment for considerably over an hour during its delivery.

Mr. Geo. Alcock sang with fine effect, with guitar accompaniment, "Florence Nightingale," &

on being encoered he gave "The Cold, Chilly Winds of December." Later on in the evening he played by particular request, on the guitar, the "Spanish Flamingo," for all which performances he received well-earned applause.

The Messrs. Broadfoot then gave a selection on organ, violin and bones which was well received.

A few words by way of valedictory were given by the chairman.

Mrs. Allen contributed the final instrumental solo which was brilliantly played.

"God Save the Queen" by the audience brought the very successful season of the Literary Society to a conclusion.

SCHOOL BOARD

A meeting of the old School Board was held in the Age office on Mon. evening last to hand in their resignations, in agreement with the instructions transmitted by the Superintendent of Education. Not one of the new board putting in an appearance, the old one did not think it wise to table them, but on the motion of Messrs. Galloway & P. Ferguson, sent two of their number, Messrs. Dean and Aleock, to demand from Mr. Logie, auditor, the books and papers. The deputation returned and informed the board that Mr. Logie positively refused to give them up, whereupon Messrs. P. Ferguson & Galloway moved that Mr. D. Rintoul, who had been elected to the office of permanent chairman, institute legal proceedings to secure the books, etc.

The secretary was instructed to obtain from the town clerk all monies due school board to be applied to liquidating part of the mortgage now due on school bldg.

The accounts of Messrs. P. Ferguson, \$2.30; Moodie Bros., \$8.75 and caretaker \$10, were ordered to be paid as soon as funds permit.

The secretary was empowered to see to sanitary measures, and the board adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

DRAINAGE

Hon. C. P. Brown answers the series of questions propounded to him by the Westbourne Municipal council re Westbourne & Big Grass Marsh drainage scheme, on the floor of the house.

1st: Did the govt. let a contract to the Manitoba Drainage Co. to drain the Westbourne marsh; and who are the members of the Co?

2nd: When was the contract entered into, and what number of acres are to be drained?

3rd: When was the contract to be completed, and what security has been given by the Co. for performing their contract?

4th: Did the Co. receive any payment in cash; and if so, what amount of money have they to repay the govt?

5th: Has the Co. forfeited their

contract, and if so, what amount of money have they to repay the govt?

Hon. C. P. Brown, in answer, referred to the reports of the Public Works Dept. for 1880-81, & to Public Accounts for '81-'82. Taking up the questions in order he answered them as follows:

(1) The govt. did enter into a contract with the Manitoba & North-West Drainage Co., incorporated under the Dom. Joint Stock Co.'s Act of 1878-79, and subsequently chartered by the Man. govt. With reference to the second part of the question, as to names of members of the Co., Mr. W. E. Sanford, of Hamilton, Ont., had furnished the govt. with what they deemed sufficient evidence that he had purchased all the stock, & thenceforth was regarded by the govt. as the Co.

(2) The negotiations with the Dom. govt. were entered into in 1878-79; the contract was only made by the prov. govt. in 1880. The number of acres to be drained was a matter impossible to determine. When the surveys were made in 1872-73 the marshes were condemned, and therefore were not surveyed; it was impossible to answer what proportion was land and what was water. The Big Grass Marsh, which he supposed was intended to be included, but was not actually in the question, contained, he surmised, 25,000 to 30,000 acres, something over half of which, he believed, was composed of lakes. The Westbourne Marsh probably contained a less proportion of water.

(3) The contract was to be carried out with due diligence, & the Co. assumed certain contracts then made by the govt.; including an expenditure of about \$15,000. They recouped to the govt. its expenditure amounting to a little less than \$6,000.

(4) No cash payment was received by the Co. They were to receive the even-numbered sections, which they might possibly reclaim, not otherwise disposed of, for instance H.B. Co. and school lands; or possible entries at the margin of the marsh.

(5) They have not forfeited their contract, and have nothing to repay, their investment being considered sufficient security to the govt. that they would complete their work.

The Hon. gentleman gave a statement of the quantities excavated for the various drains for the several years, which amounted in 1880-81 in cash between \$5,000 & \$10,000; and the Co. claims to have expended a like amount for 1882-83 which would make their total cash investment between \$18,000 and \$20,000. This would appear to justify their claim, and he was informed they were intending to continue their operation the ensuing year.

RICHMOND (Plumas)

To The Editor:

As I have been thinking all your Richmond correspondents have stopped writing to your paper, I will take the liberty of writing to you myself.

In the first place, I must tell you Mr. McGregor has been around and blessed us all with Schedule C. Look out for high taxes this year.

The Rev. Mr. Allen has been holding revival meetings in the Jordan schoolhouse for some time, and all must agree that he has done a great deal of good in this settlement.

The Good Brothers have all left for their homes, near Virden, taking their sister, Sarah, with them. Sarah will be missed, as she was a great favorite in this part.

A large and respectable meeting was held in the house of Thos. Dunning, in Florence, to take into consideration about locating a cemetery. Mr. Dunning very gentlemanly offered two acres of land, which was accepted. The land is on the bank of the Jordan Creek and is a very fine location being high and dry. Trustees were appointed & the cemetery named Jordan. Another meeting was held in the Jordan Schoolhouse to discuss the best way of getting means for fencing and surveying the cemetery. A large amount was raised and there will be no trouble getting money to meet all demands.

Mr. Geo. F. Rodgers called the attention of the meeting towards forming a grange. Mr. Rodgers spoke very sensibly on the matter and I think the possibilities are that before another year rolls round there will be a grange in this part.

Mr. Jas. Drout finished his contract in digging a well for Jordan School district, having made a first-class job of it.

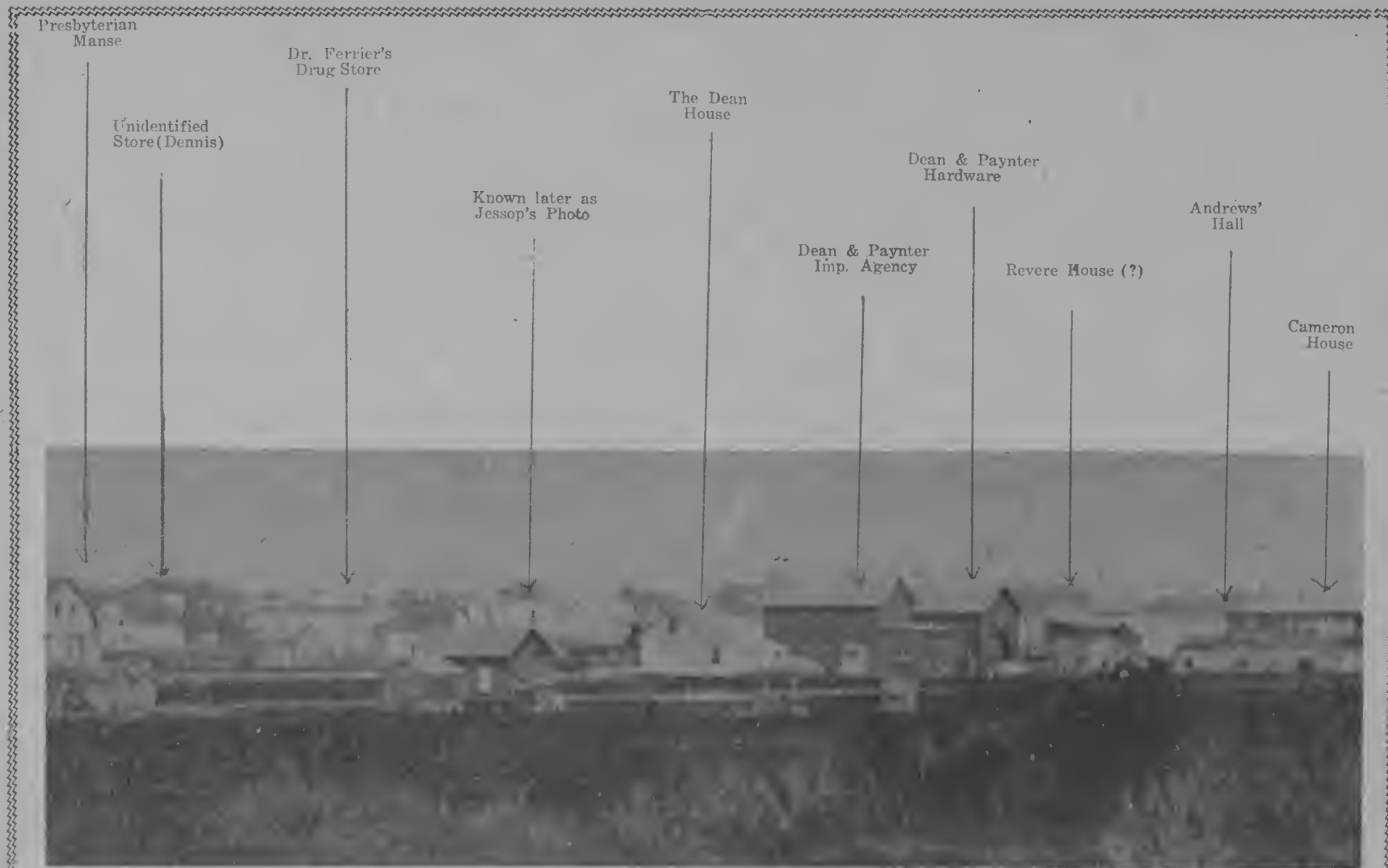
Mr. Alexander Anderson, while on a visit to his brother James, shot a large goose on the 29th of March, weighing 12 lbs. Would like to know if anyone could beat that, north of Gladstone.

Now, Mr. Editor, would you kindly tell us what has become of your correspondent, Alph A. Bettie? Has he left the country, or has he committed suicide over his last letters; or has he died a natural death? It may be he has gone after a dredge for our reeve.

Thanking you very kindly, Mr. Editor, for the space that my letter occupies in your valuable paper, I am yours truly, "Farmer". Richmond, April 4, 1884.

Mr. S. T. Wilson's father died at his home at Almonte, Ont. His wife, who was on a visit to her son here, was not able to get home before his death took place.

Mr. J. W. Buchanan started east this morning to go 350 miles beyond Port Arthur on railroad business. He may be away a month.



A 3-Part View of Gladstone from the South-East — (Two) The Centre Portion of Morris Ave., etc.

Winnipeg trail. Later her uncle, Mr. Geo. Waters, came out from Scotland, and they moved back to the farm, still in the Adamson name. — The "McAskill" house is probably misleading, and perhaps refers to the present Rod McAskill house on south Morris, still sturdy after 100 years and more. There were no "McAskills" or "McCaskills" living within the town proper at that time. Rod's father and grandfather, etc., came a few years later, in 1887; while Donald McCaskill (Neil's grandfather) and pioneer of 1874, had amassed several farms by this time, and was well ensconced in the Dead Lake district. — The Dean hardware store building also housed the Edwin Rose post office, & the meeting room of the Oddfellows' Lodge when it was destroyed by fire in March 1888. The advt. of Dean & Paynter (in Jan. 5th, 1884 paper) states specifically that the business was located "opposite the Presbyterian church." — The Cameron House (David Cameron, prop.) is listed in the April 7th issue, 1880, of the "Gladstone News & Westbourne County Farmer" as having recently opened; and having "good stabling." The same Mr. Cameron also operated the stage to Rapid City, which he advertised also, as follows: "On and after the 5th of Nov., a stage will leave Palestine every Wed. morning at 7 o'clock for the Little Saskatchewan, arriving at Rapid City on Thurs. evening; returning on Saturday morning and arriving in Palestine Sunday evenings. Through tickets from Gladstone to Rapid City, \$5.00." The use of both "Palestine" and "Gladstone" in the advt. indicates that the true pioneers had not become accustomed to the new name as yet. Mid-summer of 1879 was when the post office first became listed officially as "Gladstone." The advt. also indicates two important things: (1) that the Gladstone News was in existence prior to Nov. 7, 1879; (2) that 1879 is the probable date for the construction of the "Cameron House."

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SATURDAY
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SAT., APRIL 12th, 1884:

Mrs. Budge is suffering from an attack of rheumatic fever.

Remember the voting on the by-law takes place on Tuesday.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Rose is again very poorly.

Rev. J. E. Allen has been away to Wpg. this week.

Business took Mr. Galloway as far away as Orange Ridge on Thursday.

Mr. McMahon, wood inspector of the M. & N. W., is in town.

The M. & N. W. is busy shipping wood west from Gladstone for their own use.

The river is rising and the ice is floating away to the land of the leal.

Messrs. Small and McBride have got home.

Mr. Alexander May is here from Carberry on a short visit. He reports our old townsman, Wm. J., as doing a good business there in the agricultural line.

Mr. Frank Schooley has ordered a chute for despatch in loading cattle at the station, which will be put up on Monday.

Married: At Gladstone, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. D. Stalker, B.A., Peter Cameron, hotelkeeper, Gladstone, to Janet Elizabeth Stewart, daughter of Mr. John Stewart, of Livingstone Twp.

The annual meeting of the Sunday School, in connection with the Presbyterian church, was held Tuesday night in the church, the pastor presiding. An excellent report of the diligence and attendance of the scholars was submitted by the superintendent, Mr. Waters. Thereafter the prizes were competed for, with the following results: Catechism: (1) Hannah Small; (2) George Clubb; (3) Rhoda Ferguson. Regular attendance, Ellen Small, Harry Clubb, John Broadfoot, Agnes Rintoul. Harry Clubb received a second prize for bringing new scholars to school. The following new teachers were added to the staff: Miss Broadfoot and Mr. Budge; Mr. P. Broadfoot being appointed librarian. Some 11 prizes were promised for next year, one of which is the generous gift of Mr. Campbell, of the Wpg. firm of Campbell, Spera & Co.

Rev. Mr. McArthur reached Gladstone yesterday.

Mr. Saunders, of Wpg., who has taken a homestead in Tp. 18, Rge. 12 is up to build his house.

Wm. F. Clarke, editor of the Nor'-West Farmer, & J. A. Davidson, M.P.P., were on board yesterday's train.

Mr. Rodger, inspector of homesteads, came into town last wk., and left Mon. for Neepawa and Minnedosa.

Subject of Rev. F. Jephcott's sermon Sunday morning & evening - Resurrection.

County Council meets for transaction of business on Mon., 21st inst., in Andrews Hall, at 7 p.m.

Westbourne Municipal Council meets next Friday at 4 o'clock in Andrews Hall.

Three carloads of emigrants, with outfits and stock, went west over our line this week.

Mr. Giles, butcher from Portage, has been trying to buy cattle here this week but prices are too high to do much business, he says.

Mr. Campbell, of Campbell, Spera & Co., Wpg., was attending to business in the gents' furnishings dept. here this week. Sanford, Vail & Co.'s traveller was around also.

Mr. Hockin, of Blake, has been using his coopering skill over a tank to hold rain water at the Methodist manse this week. It is a labor of love, and he threatens to do likewise for our Presbyterian manse. Good boy, John!

The Sunday School, in connection with the Church of England, will commence at the parsonage on Easter Sunday at half-past 2 o'clock. Parents are kindly invited to send their children who will be carefully & religiously trained.

Mr. Bliss, of Brandon, was in town this week for the purpose of starting again a "Sons of Temperance" lodge. He will address a meeting next Sat. night at 8 in Andrews Hall to further his project. Some music will be given by an efficient choir. All are cordially invited.

The boys bound for Silver City went east by Tuesday's train. It is their intention to proceed to Wpg. and start thence in a few days on the western trip. They were given a hearty send-off at the Queen's Hotel Mon. evening by a host of sympathizers.

Mr. Best, grainbuyer, has shipped 8 carloads of oats lately to Ottawa by way of Port Arthur. Farmers having oats to dispose of had better have them in before seeding begins in general. He is making up 2 car loads of potatoes for which he is paying 25c bu. Bring along all you can spare.

Mr. Galloway's valued mare had a narrow escape from drowning Tues. afternoon. She was let out for a run & started to cross the river on the ice, which broke with her, and a strong current took her down about 40 rods. She managed to get out, after which a good run backed up by a strong, hot dose inside prevented any further ill effects.

Business on the M. & N. W. is picking up rapidly. The general agent reckons that Gladstone station contributes more than the average share of all the stations on the line. He takes in cash to the extent of \$80 some days for freight alone, and the total of freight proceeds of a month will be in the neighborhood of \$1500. Passenger traffic is rapidly increasing.

Mr. Stewart, our latest M. & N.W. benedick, has reached Winnipeg. They are taking a few days' rest there, not quite having recovered from the effects of the rough passage across the ocean. Mr. Bruce, who has been to Wpg. says that the engineers to locate the line to be built this summer, will be at work in less than a fortnight.

The North American Agricultural Implement & General Manufacturing Co., London, Ontario, have issued a superb catalogue for this season's operations. The Co. consists of a combination of famed makers of agric. machinery, some of them being from the States, e.g., John Deere, for the purpose of helping to supply the Canadian market. Their agent is Mr. Logie, postmaster, assisted by Mr. J. J. Herron, who is agent for the northern part of the county.

Mr. G. Phillipps, D.L.S., presently surveying in the Lake Dauphin region, reached town Mon. enroute for Wpg., whence to obtain more supplies. He came as far as Gladstone in an ox team, that of Mr. Edwards, who has come down to take his family up to their new home. They made the trip in 4½ days, but had the roads been good would have done it in a little over 3 days. Mr. McPhillipps reports the soil there is a most excellent quality, from 18 inches to 2 feet deep of rich, black loam resting on a clay subsoil. The survey of the two townships is a larger job than he expected, on account of being more heavily timbered than was supposed.

SUPEREROGATION

It was an easy task for our legislators to go wrong thro' such an important act as

the Municipality Act at the far end of the session, thereby adding the province with the expense of quite a few additional thousands of dollars in running the municipal machinery. It appears to be harder, very nearly impossible work, for them to retrace their steps, even though nineteen/twentieths of the populace, and the voice of everyone capable of framing a judgment on the matter, have declared County Council to be alike ahead of our means, needs & times and that if we don't revert exactly back to where before the Act was foisted on us last year, we ought to go just a little ahead of it as some inexpensive though efficient alterations in the Act would take us. This would be taking back water too freely for our great legislators' minds to condescend to do, so a large committee has been drafted to pronounce upon the advisableness of doing what should not have been done without greater thought in the first place, and to provide means whereby the suckers who have slipped into the soft jobs can draw the pay without doing the work, which is in truth in most of our legislations a secondary consideration, and will be so as long as a gullible public will stand for it.

The local House has adopted and forwarded a report to His Excellency, the Governor-General praying that the mortgages held against lands of many of the old settlers for some relief advances and during grasshopper times, be cancelled. While this may be right in the main, every honest man who likes to pay his just debts, will wince if he is classed among paupers. Certainly many indebted, made an effort to wipe off the debt and succeeded, and many more might have done so too. Improvidence is often a bad enemy to independence.

The Windsor Hotel Thursday night was the acene of one of those happy occasions that ought to come to everybody at least once in the course of their existence, when our genial townsman, Peter Cameron, was married to Miss Stewart, a very estimable young lady, daughter of Mr. John Stewart, of Livingstone twp. Rev. D. Stalker tied the knot, and congratulations poured in from the assembled guests, a few no doubt wishing they were in the bridegroom's shoes. Our congratulations were tendered a little later but they were none the less on that account, sincere.

The party who started out to Lake Dauphin last week, got back this, having made the astonishing time of there & back (and two months work in between) in 3 or 4 days. It turned out, however, that at Mr. Whitmore's, who is going with them, they met in with Mr. McPhillipps the surveyor, on his way down;

and thinking their teams would be better of a couple of days rest they returned to town. They started out Tues. morning again, all except Mr. G. McCrac, who waited for Mr. D. Morrison, of Woodside, who went Wed. Those ahead waited at Whitmore's for the laggards, and the whole cavalcade made a move thereabout the end of the week for their new home.

PALESTINE: "In Memoriam"

The following lines were composed in memory of Emily Eliza Kerr, who departed this life on March 23, 1884, aged 19 years, and 2 months.

For six long weeks we watched beside,
The bed where our dear sister died;
Then all at once the summons came -
Come leave this world of sin and shame.

"O, must I do the virtuous cries,
Must death, that monster, close my eyes?
O, my dear friends, weep not for me,
I'm going to Jesus, follow me.

Farewell my loving friends most near,
Farewell my brothers and sisters dear!
Farewell, my parents, true and kind!
Farewell to all I leave behind."

Now I have done with earthly things
My spirit spreads its eager wings
The shining spirits me surround,
To bear my soul to heaven bound.

Her pulse heat high, her nerves were weak;
Her breath grew short, she failed to speak;
Her sight grew dim, she could not see,
Her soul had fled, my God, to Thee.

Dressed for the grave she smiling lie,
How can we stay our streaming eyes?
She's gone, who once we did adore,
The best of sisters is no more.
The funeral rites the friends attend,
Solemn prayers to heaven ascend,
The gospel herald did proclaim
Salvation free in Christ, the Lamb.

Her weeping friends go mourning home;
And we return unto her room:
In solitude we look around,
Our dearest alister can't be found.

Her garments hang, her work is done,
And one more ransomed soul is gone
Unto the realm of endless day,
With Christ Himself to lead the way.

PROCLAMATION!

QUEEN-DEFENDER OF THE FAITH!

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO APPEAR BEFORE

James Doherty,

AND ANSWER TO THE CALL OF

CHEAP GOODS!

HARDWARE.

STOVES! STOVES! STOVES!

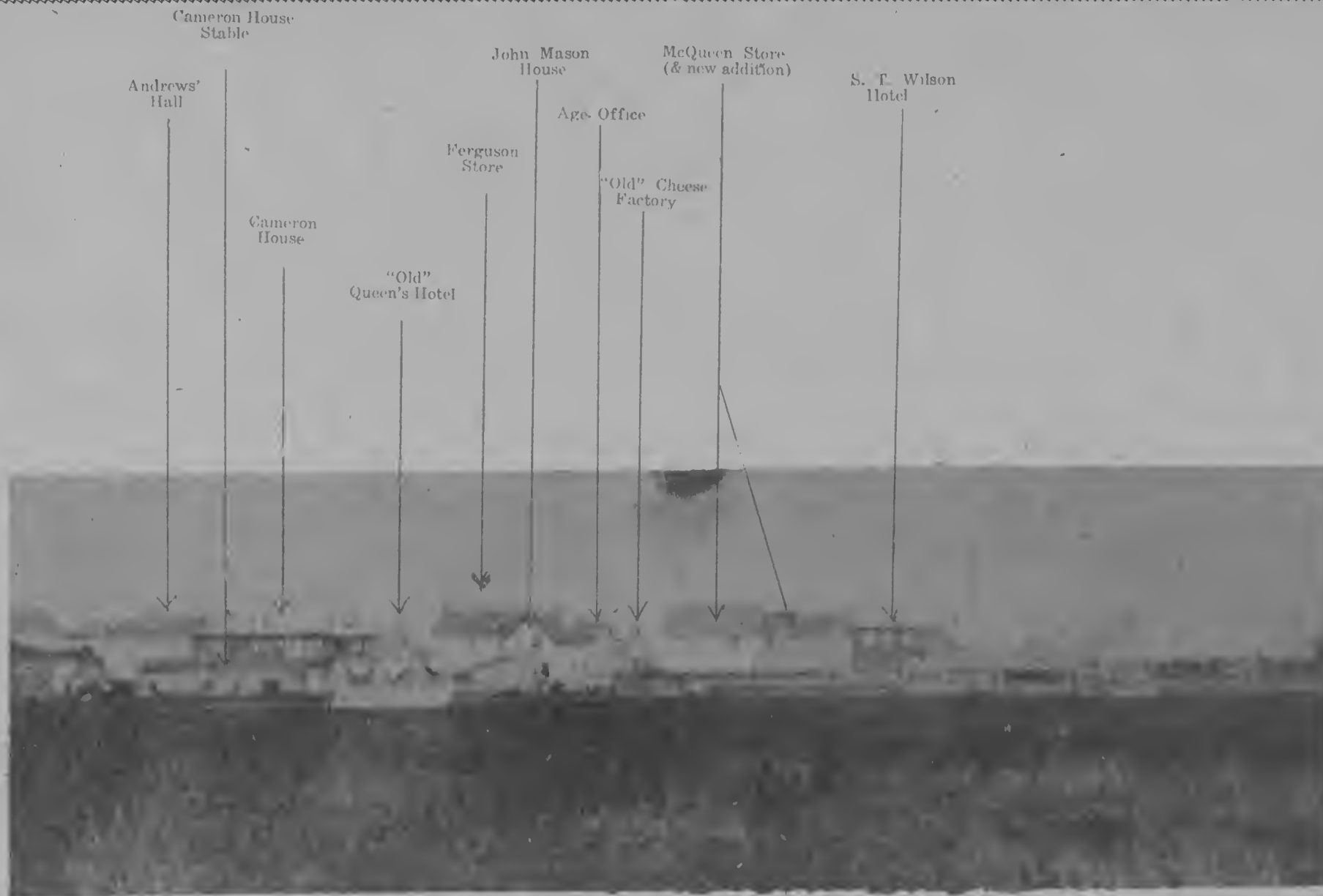
Tinware, Lamps and Lamp Fixings.

COAL OIL

NOW IS YOUR TIME FOR BARGAINS!

CHEAPER THAN EVER!

(Jas. Doherty Advt.—reduced 50 p.c.—Ran Jan. to May, 1884)



A 3-Part View of Gladstone from the South-East — (Three) The North Part of Morris Ave., etc.

ANOTHER OBSERVATION that might be made here — rather than missed entirely — is re the Sebastian family. There were seven of a family; all daughters, and quite evidently each one considered quite a catch by the young bachelors of the day. At least four of them had married and left the farm to reside with their husbands in a short stretch of about one block in length along South Dennis. Starting at the "Drug Store" (shown in a close-up picture a few issues back) is Dr. Ferrier, prop. and his young wife; next east is J. L. Logie and his bride of Mar. 31, 1880; then comes the David Cameron family on the corner of Dennis & Morris; and next east again John Mason, County Clerk & Registrar, who also married a Sebastian. A "Miss" Sebastian was mentioned in the March issue of "100 Years Ago," so there was at least one or more of the girls yet to be claimed. The old "Ages" reveal all!

NOW BACK TO SOME SPECIFICS re the picture itself! Once again, as in the March issue, it is enlarged 300 p.c., and spaced out over three pages. And once again the same means of identification is being used. There may be some indication of "guessing" on our part, but we will stand behind all statements until proven wrong. Let it be known that this is one of the most revealing pictures, historically, and we are anxious to record any and all information available. Time is a-wasting!

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SAT., APRIL 19th, 1884:

SAFE

While there's room for mutual congratulations on the passing of the debenture by-law by a majority of eight over the three-fifths vote requisite to carry it, it is greatly to be desired that the Council will see to it that they practice this time out the most rigid economy in expenditures. It has taken full hold of some clean-thinking minds of the county that a common-sense grasp of the situation years ago by our councillors, would have enabled them to effectually squeeze thro' this financial strait without incurring any more debt. Be that as it may, public business must now be carried on, on the only basis that any business can now-a-days safely be conducted - a cash one. What we can pay for, and need, let us have. What we can't, let us do without until we are in a position to pay for it.

This reckless way of discounting the future, so largely indulged in at present, by saddling our debts on a future generation, is cowardly and unwise. Certainly the worst recommendation (if we have any hankering after post-humous fame) we can give ourselves to those who come after us, is the undue development of a facility for providing burdens on the shoulders of those who ought to be allowed to make and liquidate only their own liabilities.

The Superintendent of Education has appointed Tuesday, 28th inst., for holding a meeting of the ratepayers in the schoolhouse at 10 a.m. to elect three new trustees to fill the vacancies caused by those who have resigned. Let there be a large turn-out for the purpose. The attendance gauges pretty well the amount of interest taken in this important event.

The Dominion Govt. refuses to extend the boundaries of the province because it would thereby possess more territory than the other provinces. The request for more revenue has been complied with and enquiry thereanent is to be entrusted to members of the Privy Council. The school lands cannot be handed over but will be offered for sale annually acting in concert with the local govt., and proceeds invested in govt. securities and interest accruing annually for school purposes. Crown lands are to remain the property of the Dominion.

Mr. Alex Wilson raised a house (18 x 24) on his farm 3 miles from town, for which he had a capital set of logs.

Misses Rhoda Ferguson and Nettie Findlay, who have been canvassing subscriptions this wk. for the Presbyterian Sunday School library, netted \$21.00, a very fair attempt at extracting money.

Lots of potatoes coming into town. Thirty-five cents a bushel is being paid.

Dean and Paynter are about erecting, under the supervision of Mr. Clubb, at the south side of the store, a large warehouse 18 x 35, to accommodate the agricultural machinery of David Maxwell, whose agents they are.

J. J. Herron has just received his spring stock of gents' furnishings, among which are the famous celluloid collars & cuffs, which never require washing. If you wish to save the lady of your house a great deal of vexatious labor this summer, call him and invest in the collars & cuffs. He guarantees that both you and your lady will be delighted with them. (Advt.)

Mr. Wm. Drummond, of Golden Stream, made a bee Tues. to get his household goods, etc., up to Gladstone, to ship by M. & N. W. for his new home near Neepawa. Twelve of his neighbors turned out, and, in addition, he managed to get up a splendid set of house logs and lumber yet enough to finish it for his new farm. We may as well say it! We don't care how many more men of William's stamp come to share our luck here, but we don't want to see any more going. However, we wish him well.

Seeding is now general hereabouts.

Lots of stir in town this week. Stir the land for a change, the next few.

Good sport now provided for the gun in the shape of ducks & geese.

A new wrinkle in the seeder line, costing \$25.00, is on exhibition in town.

More fleece from the clouds yesterday.

Our old townsman, Mr. Malcolm, of Minnedosa, is building a provision store there.

Our freight agent is kept busy handling the large spring stocks consigned to our merchants by each train. (Note: The general

stores, that is R. Galloway & Bro.; Peter Ferguson, and D. J. McQueen, have changed their advertisements, running since the first of the year almost without any change, featuring their notices of "Strictly Cash."

Schedule C is nearly amended out of existence.

The McGregor settlers had a meeting Tues. last to take steps to organize a grange.

Mr. Clubb managed satisfactorily a difficult piece of woodwork for the grist mill lately, viz., a new set of bevelled cogs for an important wheel, & they work like a charm. The mill stands idle waiting for material to give another wheel a similar dose.

Mr. James Anderson, one of Richmond's most energetic farmers, took up a new roller Tues. He has 3 teams at work and intends to have something big in the crop line this year. Mr. S. T. Wilson, from whom he bought it, is the Cochrane Manufacturing Co.'s agent here.

An accident on Thurs. happily unattended with very serious results, illustrates the extreme necessity existing for putting those thoroughfares that are in constant use, in a decent state of repair. For vehicles to have to clamber up a foot to get on to a crossing and then down again, is neither productive of a safe or comfortable feeling to their occupants.

The catering of the Queen's Hotel for the last few months has been under the skilful management of Mr. and Mrs. McAdam. They are moving on to their farm, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cameron assumed control last Monday, which was made the occasion, by the young folks, of having a jolly good dancing time to properly initiate them into the business.

Mr. J. F. Morrison, of Woodside, started for Qu'Appelle on Thursday to put in 80 acres of crop on his own and our warden's farm there. A good send-off was given him in the shape of an excellent dance, which took place at Woodside schoolhouse Tues. night; quite a number of Gladstone folk working their passage by hand-car to be present at it.

With reference to Schedule C, with the exception of 3 or 4, all outside of the province, to whom it was mailed, returned it filled; the hosts of defaulters in this respect being the legislators and lawyers (mark the words) of the province. This latter class will find themselves off the voters' list for this year, thanks to their own negligence, unless they apply to the court to be written on, in which case they will have to pay the costs of such writing on, and serves them right.

Mr. Hill, of Richmond, took home a double drum Cochrane roller, bought from Mr. May,

agent for John Elliott & Sons, last Wednesday.

Look! Look! Toronto Meat Market! Hotels, Boarding Houses and Private Families supplied with all kinds of First Class Meat daily.—Shop in Doherty's Block, Morris Ave. — Terms are strictly cash.—Robert Lumbers.

We are sorry to have to chronicle the demise at Galt, Ont., of the sister of Mrs. Dean, of this town, which took place on the 7th inst., after a weary illness borne with exemplary patience.

Mrs. Andrews is making a tempting display of spring goods in her fine shop window. She will soon be re-inforced by a first-class dressmaker. Look out for her advt. soon.

We hear that there is every likelihood of the land north of Woodside being better settled this summer than in years. All ought to lend a helping hand in filling up the county.

Mr. Dean, who has been in communication with the Dept. of the Interior re the survey of more townships at Lake Dauphin has received notice that the matter is receiving the attention of the govt.

The greatest bargains in sugars yet heard of are those offered by J. J. Herron. He is now giving 10 lbs. of No. 1 Brown Sugar for \$1.00; and 9 lbs. of Granulated Sugar for \$1.00. All other groceries equally as cheap. Farm produce taken in exchange. Advt.

Coun. West, of Blake, who has been away to Ontario, kept his promise. He got back by Mondays train, in time for voting on the by-law. He had an enjoyable trip, though he missed his overcoat, a warning to persons travelling from our fine climate to other, less favored regions. The journey between Wpg. & Sarnia consumed two days and 3 nights either way. He had six days visiting. The weather was not at all propitious, being cold & raw. Lake Huron was chockfull of ice. Seeding operations have not commenced. He left Thurs. week last in a pelting snowstorm, glad to get back to our even atmosphere.

TOWN COUNCIL

A special meeting of this body was held Wed. evening last in the town clerk's office to receive the report of the licensing committee, and take action thereon. Present: Mayor Claxton; Couns. Logie, Galloway, Andrews, McKelvy and Ferguson.

The report was to the effect that the license fee of \$100 be charged for each hotel license, which, after a great deal of discussion, was adopted. While all thought that the hotelkeepers could not, in the present depressed state of business, pay more, some would have included in the

\$100, the \$75 charged by the local govt., leaving only \$25 to help the town's finances. Most, however, thought that if the town made anything out of the business it could not be less than \$100, the hotelkeepers expressing a willingness to pay that amount and run the risk of paying no more.

Coun. Logie gave notice of his intention to bring in a by-law amending present liquor license by-law at the next meeting of the Council.

The clerk was instructed to advertise twice a week for 3 weeks in the daily Free Press, Wpg., and Daily Mail & Globe, Toronto, that applications will be received by him for the purchase of the \$5,000 debentures now legalized, up till 28th May.

This finished the business.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE MEETING

A meeting for the purpose of endeavouring to re-organize a "Sons of Temperance" lodge in Gladstone was held Wed. night in Andrews Hall, and was very fairly attended.

Mr. W. F. Jones was called to the chair and very ably discharged his duties.

A choir of ladies opened proceedings by discoursing a piece of fine music.

Thereafter, Mr. Bliss, of Brandon, the agent of the organization, in this province, delivered a very able lecture on temperance and the value to the causes of such institutions as the "Sons of Temperance." His statements throughout were based on facts and appeared to strike the audience very forcibly. The whole address was a temperance appeal for the exaltation to their proper place in actions of the principles of economy and philanthropy. The beer barrel was too microscopically examined to suit everybody's taste; and the fact that \$300 millions have been sunk in liquors in Canada alone since Confederation, was made much of. To rouse a strong universal public sentiment against the traffic, which would legislate itself out of existence, was the aim of the society he represented. The lecturer explained at the close the scheme for insuring the lives of members of their order, and which was meeting with large patronage. Insurance Companies now recognize the fact that there is less risk in insuring the life of a total abstainer than a tippler, and their rates are based on this fact. The weakest part of the lecture, to us, was the defense of the secrecy with which such organizations are conducted. We cannot help thinking that it would be found to be more in keeping with the spirit of the age, and might materially help the growth of all such societies, whose only aim is to ad-

vance the principles of truth and right, were the useless mummeries of the password, symbols and orders, etc. relegated back to the dark ages whence they originated.

At the close of the lecture sufficient signers were had to formulate a lodge, and Thurs. evening at 9 o'clock, in the Methodist church, was appointed for the election of officers and their installation, as Mr. Bliss had to leave town by Friday's train.

As a vehicle capable of doing great good, if properly conducted, we cordially commend it to the active support, particularly of those who are budding out into full grown young men and women.

PROV. LEGISLATURE

Messrs. Leacock and Greenway moved that a humble address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor-General, praying that the Hudson's Bay bill, that has passed the Dom. House, be not passed by him unless provision be therein contained that the control be vested in the province. Messrs. Wagner and Martin, in amendment, that while acknowledging the great want of a route via Hudson's Bay for our produce, it is the opinion of this House that it is unwise at this moment to interfere with the decision of the Dom. Govt. relating to the Dom. Railway charters to Hudson's Bay. Amendment carried.

((A Richmond (Phemas) "Settler" contributes a poem of some 9 verses, the last of which is as follows)):

And when this land shall settled be,
With British yeomen bold & free;
Old England & the people here,
No foreign foe need ever fear;
But we shall still to all declare,
That they may in our freedom share.

CENTRAL JUDICIAL BOARD

((Left over from Feb. 9 issue))
The new Central Judicial Board met at Portage Tuesday last; present were: Mayor McDonald, Portage; Mayor Claxton, Gladstone; and Wardens: Mr. Ferris, Portage; Dr. Gilbert, Norfolk; Messrs. D. Morrison, of Westbourne and J. Hamilton, of Beautiful Plains.

The first business done was the appointment of a chairman, Mayor McDonald being the appointee.

Mr. W. J. Cooper was re-appointed sec.-treas., and Mr. J. Chambers was made one of the auditors.

A great deal of routine business was got through with at the two settings, the final auditing of last year's accounts being a chief item. The Board determined to have only three more meetings during the year for the transaction of business.



Gladstone - Looking South-Easterly from the first Galloway Store - Location, Sask. Ave. & James Street

THIS PICTURE OF GLADSTONE hardly does the old town justice even for 1881 or '82, as it takes in its most sparsely settled section, the south-east corner of the town-to-be. The inter-section shown is that of Sask. & Morris. In another picture the rail fence encloses vacant land and one lone cow foraging on the sparse grass struggling up thro' the snow. Sleighs are still in vogue. It must be spring in 1882. No railroad yet!

THIS PICTURE is undoubtedly taken from a position on the R. Galloway & Bro. bldg. (also in this issue), but not at the same time for wagons and buggies are in use. The Galloway store was located west of the "old" Queen's Hotel, a portion of which is in view. The intersection of Dennis & Morris is also shown. The flat-topped Cameron House occupies the present post office corner. To the east of it is the white house of John Mason; and further east again, near the intersection of Dennis St. and the Sask. Trail, is what is described as Mike Neville's shoe repair shop. Jas. Doherty's first little tin shop is supposed to be somewhere in this section, but the dapper, debonaire merchant of that day had by this time moved to the more crowded business section on Morris, shown in the March issue. In June, 1885, the Cameron House, the Mason home, etc., were destroyed in a disastrous fire that took the lives of two little Cameron lads and a young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Logie. — And by the way, the small bluff to be seen east along the trail was the location of the first Davidson store and Geo. West's little post office, both in the same building - not visible here but a picture of which is still extant. Mr. Davidson moved to much more commodious quarters in the late 70s (which see).

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SAT., APRIL 26th, 1884:

The following is the full text of the letter from the Minister of Public Works re the Drainage Co.: "Arrangements are in progress and pretty well completed between the Dominion and Manitoba govts. which will so nearly meet the conditions insisted on by the Drainage Co., that I think I am justified in saying that this govt. will be in position to insist upon the operations of the Co. being carried on the ensuing season to a very considerable extent." — This being so, it behooves our council to look sharply after the Drainage Co. this season. Time, it appears, was of the essence of the agreement, & what they have hitherto done by way of work is a mere bagatelle. They have no excuse now for not clapping on the biggest force they possibly can. Certainly it is to the county's interest to have the work done as expeditiously as possible, which, if they don't mean to do, then let the county undertake it itself.

We thought it was well known that bulls are not allowed to run at large. We have been asked to remind parties who have bulls, and are allowing them free scope, that they are rendering themselves liable to a heavy fine.

The grist mill began to grind Wed. morning again, Mr. Clubb having transpired by dint of assiduous work (continued long into the night) to have the wheel ready by then.

Mr. R. McMillan, of Blake, who is engaged to teach Golden Stream school this summer, is removing his family there. He intends to occupy Mr. Hamilton's vacant house.

The good news that the Dominion govt. has commissioned their chief engineer to make the necessary examination of the White Mud river below Westbourne ought to lift our prospective eastern town a notch or two higher in expectation. Already prophetic vision sees in anticipation the long lines of quays of our chief lake port, covered with a multitudinous growth of tapering masts, or standing full of black-throated monsters engaged in belching forth fire and smoke, while weaving the woof of Westbourne's exalted destinies—a greater monument this of the energy of our little reeve than his present one. Amen, so mote it be!

A half section 1 mile east of town limits was sold for \$3864. the other day.

Mr. G. West disposed of 167 lots of his town estate to Mr. Pearson, of Winnipeg, last week. ((Mr. Geo. West, one of the pioneers of 1871, was the original owner of the land taking in the s.e. corner of the town)).

Mrs. John Edwards, the first pioneer white woman of the Dauphin settlement, and family, accompanied Mr. Edwards to it last week. Mr. G. McCrae is expected down Monday, so we will hear how they fared on the way up. The trip must have been rough both on her and the children.

The people of Carberry belonging to the Presbyterian congregation, enjoyed their Sunday religious services on a recent occasion under somewhat peculiar circumstances. Rev. Mr. Stalker, of Gladstone, was the preacher appointed for the day. Arriving at Portage on Sat. he found that there was no train going to his destination but determined not to fail in his undertaking, he secured a velocipede, started at about five o'clock in the afternoon and rode all night, arriving at his journey's end about 4 o'clock the next morning. Although no doubt fatigued from his 50-mile ride, he fulfilled his Sunday duties preaching three times. The sermons ought to have been, and no doubt were, appreciated. — Free Press.

Birth: In Blake, on the 22nd inst., the wife of Mr. J. M. Jamieson, of a son. ((This is not the "J.J.J." who contributed helpfully to the Age some 35 years ago, but a brother. "J.J.J." was born May 6, 1882)).

Birth: In Golden Stream, on the 21st inst., the wife of Mr. Jas. Lloyd, of a son.

Among the arrivals at the Wilson House this week were General Superintendent Baker, and Mr. Webster, chief draughtsman of the M. & N.W. rly. The trip was a combination of business & pleasure. The pleasurable part consisted of a couple of pretty successful spells of duck-shooting (if the load that accompanied them from the station was any indication), and the business was seeing about getting a deed from the County Council for the 80-feet of right-of-way through the County. Construction west on the line will commence shortly, but the precise date he could not say.

Mr. Waters, road-master of the M. & N.W. rly. did some tall velocipeding this week over the track. He made the trip from below Rat Creek with 40 minute stop-overs at Westbourne & 30 at Woodside, between 2:30 and 6:30 the other day. We did not hear what time Mr. Stewart, superintendent of road-building, who came in from the west the same day, made, but on account of the severe friction from their high rate of going the rails might prefer to have an overdose of trains rather than of velocipedes.

Mr. Wm. Herron, eldest son of James Herron, of the Revere House, started by Tuesday's train to knock around the world a little before finally settling down in life. His present destination is the States. With his active habits his present trip ought to be profitable as well as pleasurable, and we look for him back again at no distant date — as another confirmation of the old adage, "there's no place like home." His folk will see to it that his farm suffers no loss in his absence.

Mr. John Rose, to all appearances is failing rapidly. Time brings many changes. Few looked more like living than he not long ago. That Oddfellowship is not a sentimental brotherhood is apparent from the way the members are acting towards their ill brother, alternating, two of them sitting up regularly with him every night. This is a good trial of the worth of such societies.

Our quartette of travellers that went west not long ago have been heard from. Mr. Williams received a letter from Arnold, & Mr. G. Pirie got one from his brother James, to the effect that they were about to leave Calgary for Silver City, refusing meanwhile an offer of \$3.50 a day at bridge-building. Verily, their aspirations are high-pitched. May they be realized!

Mr. Lumbers, butcher, proposes next week to move into those more commodious premises next door to Mr. Ferguson. The convenience for carrying on his business in summer will be greater as there is a large ice-house in connection with the store at its rear. ((This item adds to some of the perplexities in identifying buildings as they appear in the old pictures. In last issue re the Ferguson bldg., and its date of construction, we questioned the direction of the roof. Perhaps "A. G." was right after all in giving its construction as "1883?"; perhaps the bldg. in the picture is the above mentioned store-to-be of Mr. Lumbers, built in the early '80s, or even earlier. And the "ice-house" is something startlingly new. Yes, little by little, and with the help of some 300 more of the Moodie papers, and we may have the jig-saw puzzle pieced together to a more interesting degree. Fun! Yes, indeed!)).

The annual sermon of the lodge of Oddfellows, Gladstone, will be preached by Rev. D. Stalker in the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening at 6:30. Collection, which it is to be hoped will be liberal, in aid of the Winnipeg hospital.

The infant dau. of our Postmaster ((J. L. Logie)) was conveyed to her last resting place in the cemetery Wed. evening last. The parents have the sympathy of the neighborhood in this their first bereavement.

Unfortunately the working partner ((John)) of our small establishment, instead of the bumbling one, has had a severe attack of sickness this week; hence our columns are more open than usual.

Magnificent seeding weather!

Mr. John Small left for Wpg. last Saturday.

The town can boast of some champion newspaper paragraph stretchers. ((Peter, joking about his efforts to "pad up," or in a more newspaper-like term "lead out" the fewer news items in order to fill up space)).

No signs of black ground yet in Mr. Brown's large fields. ((C. P. Brown had at least the two half-sections north of the bridge, one on each side of Morris)).

The river has fallen very considerably; no fears are entertained of an overflow this year.

Mr. J. W. Buchanan has got back from Port Arthur. He talks about going to Calgary.

Mr. McDougall went to Minnedosa on Mon. again. He will be away about a fortnight.

Rev. J. E. Allen is holding a series of nightly meetings in the Methodist church at present.

M. & N.W. folk are busy transferring the piles of wood from Gladstone to other needy places along the line.

Mr. Dunning, who has had a very severe attack of bronchitis is, we are glad to say, getting around again. ((The Dunning house, still standing, is listed in Margaret Galloway's book, "I Lived in Paradise," as the one on the corner of Morris & Broadfoot which we have stated to be Rev. Garton's, most likely an error. Mr. A. G. Williams, in telling us of his construction work may have meant the 'rectory' for Anglican church ministers, which Rev. Garton was. This building is also still standing, stronger (it seems), and more attractive than ever since being modernized a few years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Reshair. Mr. & Mrs. Crief Ferguson occupied it from the late '30s to recent times when the latter chose to enjoy the comforts and care of Third Crossing Manor, until her recent death)).

Mr. S. T. Wilson has put up two new buildings on his farm recently. One, 17 x 24, is to be fitted up as a henner; and the other is a granary.

We hear it spoken about of the likelihood of Mr. S. T. Wilson, of the Wilson House, building an addition to the hotel on the south side.

Messrs. Claxton, McQueen, Ferguson and Wilson went east on Thurs. to attend the banquet given to R. Wilson, esq., M.P., as well as to transact other business.

The "Sons of Temperance" had their meeting in the schoolhouse this week. They expect shortly to meet in Andrews Hall. The organization appears to be a success.

The dusky red is rapidly modernizing. A day or two ago we beheld a lusty one daintily holding overhead an umbrella to shield his swarthy face from the undimmed approach of the shining sun.

Our attention has been called to the section-men of the M. & N.W. rly. travelling down from Gladstone last Sunday by hand-car and fishing all day in the river at Woodside. We thought one of the Municipal by-laws covered the matter.

A most melancholy accident resulted in the death of Mr. David Black, a young man well-known here, which took place the other day near Minnedosa. A party of half-a-dozen were on their way in a wagon to river-drive logs, and were, as is usual in such cases, having some fun. There was a gun in the wagon, which was discharged, making a big hole in Black's knee. Unfortunately, instead of endeavouring to stop the flow of blood, and leaving him where the accident happened and going for a doctor, they took him back to town. Before the leg was amputated he had very nearly bled to death, and during the process he expired.

((Editorial)) . . .

AGAINST BORROWING ANOTHER \$10,000

The by-law to raise \$10,000 of debentures for the worthy object of saving the credit of the county, only passed a little over a week ago, by the skim of the teeth; and now, forsooth, we are to be forced to swallow another dose of the same or perhaps larger amount, for the erection of county buildings which we can do well enough without, till we are better able to build them.

The arguments adduced for this exhibitional expense are of a most flimsy texture. We would thereby be saved the expense, it is said, of the rent of a registry office, of a county clerk's office, and a few etceteras; we would have a safe place for the

valuable documents belonging to the county, and by building we would stir up into unnatural activity the languid throes of our half-dead town.

With regard to the rent-saving, it is very well known that buildings fit for the purpose could be rented in this town at half the yearly cost of interest of the money that would be expended on putting up county buildings. The second difficulty could easily be remedied by constructing underneath or in juxtaposition to any building rented for offices, a fire-proof brick vault. The calamity by the way, of destruction by fire, of all the valuable documents of the county that is being made so much of in this agitation, might well enough be compensated for, if throwing in half a dozen of our agitators in the expense line, were made an indispensable part of said fire.

The last argument is worst of all. To resurrect a corpse a galvanic battery is useful, but to take unnatural ways of assisting nature's forces is a madman's freak. Just as rest is the natural antidote to severe exertion, so in times of depression the only sure way of recovering a normal condition is, for the time being, to "lie low". The attempt to force the place's growth has been tried a few times too often for its good, and if persisted in will land it past redemption. Those who have the most at stake here, who have the most "go" in them, and who are most capable of forming an unbiased judgment, all agree in the fact of our ability, not only to hold our own, but to forge slowly ahead, provided we take the common-sense method of sweating, whether mentally or bodily for all the progress we wish to make.

The building material, too, to be used in the construction of the buildings, both brick and lumber, and quite a bit of the skill in making it, would have to be imported, thereby taking money out of the county, instead of spending it in it; the circulation of which inside of the county being one of the great reasons urged for proceeding with the work at present.

We submit, for the candid consideration of all interested, whether we are the more likely to obtain (which ought to be our first and chief desire all the time) an infusion of new settlers into this county, to fill up our vacant lands, or to buy out the many improved farms that are now in the market for sale, consequent on the privileges granted the first settlers of homesteading, a second time, by adding a mill or two to the already considerable and steady amount of mills we have to pay on each dollar's worth we own in the county. If so, put them up and tack it on; if not, wait till we have those same settlers to help us erect them.



The First Galloway Store, 1881 to 1886 — Still Going Strong as Traa's Big Bakery, cnr. Morris & Dennis

THE HISTORY OF THIS BUILDING is definitely an on-going thing; and it's located now in the very "heart" of Gladstone - the Traa Bakery. It has served in a number of capacities since it was built some 106 years ago; and probably is due the distinction of being the town's oldest building still in use. The exact year of its erection is not known for a certainty but it was in the late 1870s. Messrs. David & Hamilton (possibly with the help of C. P. Brown, brother-in-law of Davidson) had it built as their general store, by far the biggest and best then in the town. Its location then was on Sask. Ave., across James St. from the Malcolm Hotel (known later as the Windsor House) the hotel being built perhaps 1 yr. earlier. Davidson & Hamilton were advertising in the "Gladstone News" in April 1880, but shortly after they moved to the rising town of Neepawa. There was another occupant briefly before Roper Galloway took it over early in 1881 to operate it under the name of "R. Galloway & Bro." until June 1886 when they moved to then vacant premises of Peter Ferguson's store building on Morris. Who its occupants were, if any, for the next two years, is not known, but doubtless such a fine bldg. would have been desirable to any in-coming merchants. Mr. Dean moved in when fire destroyed his building in early March 1888, but left the same year to reside in the States. The "Galloway Gallery" of pictures contains one of this store with a new paint job, and the "Age" records the date and the names of the brush-wielders.

KNOX BROS. (Wm. & Chas.) assumed ownership of it in 1889 when they moved in from the Golden Stream - Pine Creek area to start their extensive operations in lumber and supplies. In 1897 they moved it to its present location at the corner of Dennis & Morris. In 1906, after being vacant a year, the Merchants Bank moved over from the Bailey Block and as such it remained until 1932 when under its new name the present Bank of Montreal was built. The same year Mr. Alex Dewar moved in with his bakery & cafe from the old Andrews' Hall bldg. at the tracks; and as such it was operated by father & son for over 30 years. When John Dewar joined the post office staff it was taken over by a baker from Portage, who disposed of it soon after to Mr. Traa.